ESP Day fun 4 all

he second annual East St. Paul Day had it all, sun, fun, a parade, wrestling, fireworks, petting zoo, and a good dose of community pride.

East St. Paul Mayor Carla Devlin was thrilled with how the day came together.

"As mayor one of my goals has been to create more ways for the community to come together," Devlin said.

"ESP Day is a great example of that. It was so nice to see everyone out, enjoying the day and enjoying our community. It really was spectacular."

The parade down Hoddinott featured the RM's fire trucks and heavy equipment like graders and dump trucks. Private businesses took part in a big way as well, with impressive floats and a real party attitude.

Sometimes the best things aren't planned, and that was the case this year, as 102-and-three-quarters-years-old Doris Boyce sat at the end of her son Barry's Hoddinott driveway, inviting everyone to wish her a happy, upcoming birthday with a sign that read – Honk For Me, I Will Be 103!

And boy, did she get honks! Mayor Devlin and council and staff on the ESP float stopped and sang Happy Birthday to Doris, who became the celebrity of the parade.

For Doris, it was a great day.

"I like it very much, and the weather, you couldn't have picked a better day," she said.

Barry's wife Evelyn, who had dogs Sydney and Montana out too, applauded the day.

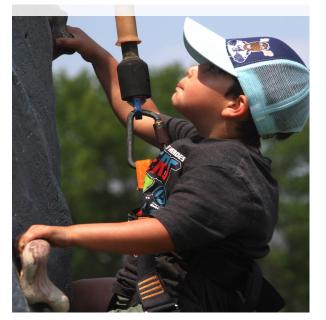
"I'm loving the community feeling with all the people," she said. "It's fantastic."







Some of the fun of ESP Day 2025, from the parade, to the bike decorating and rock climbing. Above, Barry, Evelyn and almost 103-year-old Doris Boyce wait for the fun to start.





## ESP 55+ presents - The Power of a Power of Attorney

his project is funded in the amount of \$25,000 provided by the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program and is offered by the ESP 55+ Activity Club with the support of the RM of East St. Paul

This project will:

deducate and inform seniors about the advantages of a Power of Attorney ("POA")

□ subsidize the cost of a POA for our members from a grant we obtained from the federal government

#### Why have a POA?

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A POA authorizes a person you trust to handle your affairs should you become unable to do so on your own. Things like paying your bills, caring for your home or taking care of your pets are all things that your chosen person can legally do for you under a POA.

You may think that your children, spouse or friend can take care of your things while you are unable to so do. This is not as easy as you think because without a POA or other formal legal authority, no one else can legally make these types of decisions for you.

A POA is a legal document that is put into place by you at a time when you can make a free and informed decision about who you want and trust to hold the power to make important decisions on your behalf.

The cost of a POA is under \$1,000. Without a POA in place, it will cost thousands of dollars to get court approval for someone to take over your affairs.

#### KICK OFF

In the fall, we will offer an educational seminar presented by a legal expert at the ESP 55+ Centre to inform our members of the legalities of a POA.

Details of how to qualify for the subsidy will be established and will include the requirement that participants be members of the East St. Paul 55+ Activity Club.

We are partnering with a Winnipeg law firm to handle the legal stuff.

Stay tuned for more details.

Your ESP 55+ Activity Club Board



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### **ESP COPP-asking** for your help

e are currently looking for volunteers to help keep our community safe by patrolling the RM of East St Paul. For as little as 2-4 hours a month you can become a valuable team player helping us patrol. You will be provided training and equipment to do your patrols.

#### Who Are We?

A group of community minded citizens who believe in the COPP program and its benefits to the community. We care about the safety of our residents. We feel that we make a difference by joining the group. Each volunteer receives both an in house and patrol training session. The East St Paul COPP group is just one of the 30 groups in the province. The program is run by a Provincial COPP Board and is funded by the province through the Department of Justice.

#### What do we do?

Volunteers dedicate some of their time patrolling the streets in East St Paul. They are the "eyes and ears" for the RCMP looking for any "criminal activity" in the RM. Patrols can occur at any hour of the day, seven days a week based on the availability of the volunteer. "Criminal activities" are reported to the RCMP. They also volunteer their time at special events sharing information to residents about the COPP program.

Reporting: All criminal activity is reported to the RCMP. The RCMP keep track of targeted areas and advise COPP groups.

Please contact us at copp.eaststpaul@ gmail.com.

Someone will be in touch to set up an interview to explain the program in

## Keeping East St. Paul safe: Working together with CSOs

ast St. Paul's Community Safety Officer (CSO) program has been serving the community for a year and a half, with a focus on crime prevention through visibility and proactive patrols. By sharing local concerns, residents can help shape a safer environment for everyone.

If you see something concerning such as repeated traffic issues, bylaw violations, or suspicious activity, you can share that information with the CSO team. They will use it to plan patrols more effectively. If your concern is outside what CSO's are authorized to address, they will guide you to the appropriate authority.

#### CSOs provide support:

- Bylaw complaints (e.g., noise, parking, unsightly property)
  - Ongoing traffic safety concerns
- Enforcement of certain provincial statutes authorized by Manitoba Justice (e.g., Highway Traffic Act, Intoxicated Person's Detention Act, The Mental Health Act, Child and Family Services Act, Off Road Vehicle Act, Trespass Act, and the Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Act)

#### CSOs do not respond to:

- Crimes in progress
- Emergencies

Citizens on Patrol

Program (COPP)

Criminal investigations (e.g., theft, break and enter, assault)

Emergencies or crimes in progress should always be reported directly to the RCMP.

### Ways to report to the CSO Program:

- Call the CSO line at 204-667-5551
- Email pscoordinator@eaststpaul.com
- Use the "Report a Problem" feature on the East St. Paul website homepage

More information about the Community Safety Officer program is available on our website at https://eaststpaul.com/p/community-safety.





# Mayor's Message: A Day To Remember - ESP Day 2025

hen I was elected in 2022, one of my heartfelt goals was to create more opportunities for our community to come together — to laugh, celebrate, and build lasting memories. East St. Paul is growing with many young families, and bringing back vibrant community events like ESP Day is one of the best ways we can keep our hometown spirit shining bright.

This year's ESP Day was nothing short of spectacular! From start to finish, the energy was electric, and the sense of community was truly inspiring.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in the parade — and to all the supporters who lined Hoddinott Road, cheering, waving, and smiling as the floats went by. You are the heartbeat of this community.

To our amazing municipal staff – thank you for your tireless work rallying behind the scenes to bring this vision to life. A heartfelt shoutout to Melissa Larter, our Recreation Services Coordinator, for your creativity, coordination, and dedication to making every detail of the day come together seamlessly. Your passion and hard work are the driving force behind our community celebrations.

And a special thank you to Suzanne Ward, our CAO, whose multiple "emergency" supply runs to Sobeys throughout the day were a true testament to the incredible turnout. From buns to condiments and everything in between, Suzanne made sure we were fully stocked to match the energy of the crowd, and no one went without their hot dog essentials! She also spent much of the day working alongside the Fire Department, cheerfully helping sell hot dogs and keeping the line moving with a smile — true leadership in action!

To our incredible East St. Paul Fire Department - thank you for joining the parade, grilling hot dogs, and jumping in with heroics both real and theatrical! A special shout-out to The Real Deal Roth — firefighter by day, wrestling superstar by evening — and his tag-team partner, Terry, The Dogfather from Central Bark (and leader of the pack!), for bringing high-flying excitement to our amateur wrestling ring. And hats off to Scott Zieba, a true showman who leapt into the wrestling ring to deliver the "rescue of the day!" And let's not forget Kyle Park, our behind-the-scenes MVP who fired up the entrance with a dramatic ringside delivery in the fire truck — now that's what you call tag-team transportation!

We're also grateful to the following ESPFD members who volunteered their time to make the day a success: Fire Chief Ray Riddolls, Deputy Chief Dennis Wiwcharyk, Jernej Anderlic, Bevan Barkman, Jett Sielkie-Bullard, Jorden Wiwcharyk, Brad Chodak, Patrick Dowhayko, Joe Lesiuk, Dylan Bellmore (The Real Deal Roth), Kyle Park, Scott Zieba – a crew of true community champions!

All proceeds from the hot dog sales are going directly into the Fire Prevention Fund, supporting safety education and outreach in our community. Thank you for helping support the fun and the future!

To Shauna Dram from the Greg Michie Group – your commitment went above and beyond – literally! We saw you borrow a resident's bike mid-parade to dash back and reload with more candy. Now that's community spirit on two wheels!



Debbie Heckman, thank you for keeping the entire community updated throughout the day with your posts, photos, and videos – you helped everyone feel part of the action. Debbie also went the extra mile before the event, collecting candy from local businesses and handing it out during the parade with her signature enthusiasm — truly a community connector in every way! A big thank-you to the generous businesses who donated candy: REAL Broker, Community Hub, Heritage Septic & Waste, Brett's Low Cost Auto Repair, Sky's the Limit Montessori School, and the Greg Michie Group.

To anyone else who surprised the crowd with sweet treats, your contributions didn't go unnoticed and were very much appreciated!

To the kids of East St. Paul, thank you for your wide eyes, big smiles, and boundless energy – your joy made the day truly magical. And let's not forget the splash of extra fun – ESP Council and staff were absolutely delighted (and slightly soaked!) to bring "Splashed in ESP" to life. We're so grateful for the giggles, the squeals, and the chance to cool off in the best way possible on a sunny summer day!

A very special birthday shout-out to Doris Boyce, who was spotted sitting proudly along Hoddinott Road during the parade, holding a sign that read, "Honk for me — I will be 103!" The honks, waves, and smiles she received were a beautiful reminder of the spirit that defines East St. Paul. Your incredible milestone inspires us all, and we were honoured to celebrate with you!

To the RCMP and our dedicated CSO members, your presence ensured everyone felt safe while having fun – thank you for playing such a vital role.

To Councillor Duval, who stood and spun cotton candy for five hours – now that's what we call sugar-powered dedication!

A warm thank you also to Councillors Brian Imhoff and Charles Posthumus for their support, hands-on help, and enthusiasm throughout the day. Your efforts were truly appreciated and helped make the day run smoothly for everyone.

A big thanks to Jonesy's, who sponsored the band and brought the beat to our celebration, and to all our amazing sponsors – your gener-

osity helped make every moment unforgettable.

Special thank you to our 2025 sponsors:

- Central Bark
- East St. Paul Lions Club
- Harmony Chiropractic
- Harry's Fine Foods
- Imperial Oil
- Jonesy's Restaurant & Lounge
- Lee's Restaurant
- Manitoba Public Insurance
- Orange Theory Fitness East St Paul
- Pratts Wholesale Ltd.
- Debbie Heckman, Community Hub & REAL Broker
- Alison Brochu, East St. Paul Living
- Sobeys
- Steinbach Credit Union

Your support helped keep the music playing, the hot dogs sizzling, and the smiles going all day long!

To Archangel Fireworks – what a finale! You turned the night sky into a masterpiece of colour, sound, and celebration. It was truly an artful explosion to end a perfect day. And special thanks to the mosquitoes for taking the night off!

And now... drumroll please... an exciting new addition for next year: the ESP Riding Lawnmower Race! Yes, you read that right. We'll have a prize for the best-decorated mower and one for the fastest. Start your engines, East St. Paul — it's going to be a ride to remember!

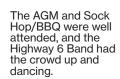
Events like ESP Day remind us of what makes this community so special: the people. Thank you for showing up, sharing your joy, and making East St. Paul the vibrant, welcoming place we all love.

See you next year — and don't forget to tune up your lawnmowers!

With gratitude, Mayor Carla Devlin

## 55+AGM and Sock Hop







The ESP 55+ Activity Club recently held its annual AGM at the ESP 55+ Activity Centre. The AGM was followed by a fun "sock hop" social evening filled with live music, food and fun. The Club welcomed almost 100 members at the event and were joined by Mayor Devlin and Couns. Brian Duval and Charles Posthumus.

Members elected the following members to form the Executive Committee for the 2025/2026 year: President: Jan Anderson, Vice President: Bonnie Konzelman, Treasurer: Lynne Evans, Secretary: Candace Bishoff

Special thanks are extended to outgoing President, Charlene Erb and outgoing Vice President, Johanna Handford. Both will continue in various other roles at the Club but have passed their respective executive batons on to the others.

The Club is a vibrant volunteer nonprofit organization run by seniors for seniors in our great community. It offers a variety of activities including yoga, quilting, line dancing, cards, creative minds (artists), book club, mah jongg, zumba, shuffleboard, puzzling and pool.

The Club is always looking to welcome new members and the card club (crib and whist) is especially wanting to find new players to join them at the Centre.

For more information on the Club and its activities, please email esp55plus@gmail.com.

# Artists of the Month



Susan Carpenter

susan has sketched and painted since childhood. In 1979 she began taking classes in oils from artist Joyce Anderson and over the years has developed a soft, realistic style in oil, watercolour and acrylics. Susan's love of the outdoors is captured in her paintings which reflect the many moods of the prairie landscape as well as delicate florals.

Susan is a long time member of the Charleswood Art Group and also enjoys painting with Creative Minds in East St. Paul.



#### Maureen Wurch

Maureen Wurch is a local East St. Paul artist who loves anything creative. She paints or creates art that makes her happy.

## East St. Paul Fire Department holds annual Open House



The East St. Paul Fire Department held its Open House on June 7. Approximately 700 people came out and enjoyed the bbq and displays. The Fire Department members thank everyone who came attended and made the Open House such a success. At left are members of the department with Mayor Carla Devlin and Couns. Charles Posthumus and Brian Duval.